

Silver Lake Neighborhood Assoc. members and interested parties:

This is the latest edition of our short email newsletter: **Silver Lake Neighborhood Notes** from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Association, representing the City and Snohomish County areas near Silver Lake.

Catching up a little on newsletter items I'm working to catch up on neighborhood news items after a period of few newsletters, so I intend to send these emails a little more frequently in the near future. This newsletter is also prompted by the fact that for the first time we have the chance to vote on local City Council representation for our neighborhood and district. If you want your voice to be heard in the primary election, there is still time.

Items of possible neighborhood interest

Primary election in 1 week, still time to register and vote Since there are 3 candidates in our new City Council district (district 5) there will be a primary election and you need to mail or drop off your ballot by Tuesday August 3rd, about a week from now. Today (7/26) is the last day to register online or by mail, but you can still register or update your registration in person at the County elections office during business hours and until 8pm on Election Day. You will also have the opportunity to cast a vote for Mayor in this primary. For details, call the elections office at 425-388-3444.

Candidates: Ben Zarlingo <http://www.zarlingo5.com>

Kelly Fox www.kellyfoxforcouncil.com

Demi Chatters www.votefordemi.com

Bald Eagle pair successfully raises another two chicks You may know that there is a Bald Eagle nest in a Cottonwood tree at the south shore of Silver Lake, close to the pool at Charter Club. The nest is visible from the sidewalk in front of the clubhouse if you know where to look. In the most recent five or six years that I have seen activity, the adult pair has been successful at raising one or two (usually two) chicks to the stage where they fly and eventually leave the nest. I'm not sure what happens after that, but sometimes we get to see the newly-independent chicks for a short time before they go to find their own homes and territories. The young ones appear as large as the adults, without the white heads and tails and yellow beaks. This year I got a few pictures of the adult pair and their young, and for the first time I'm including a picture with a Neighborhood Notes newsletter. Please see the attached picture, and let me know what you think about pictures in this newsletter.

19th Ave. SR527 sinkhole repair continues As mentioned in the previous newsletter, something went seriously wrong with at least one northbound lane of 19th Ave/SR-527 just north of Silver Lake Elementary and next to *Herschlip Pond*. Repair has begun and both northbound lanes have been closed for several weeks. Northbound traffic has been diverted to the center turn lane, causing some slowdowns especially during evening commutes. The City's information page suggested the repair might take several months but recent material stockpiling makes me think the repair won't take that long. If it happens to be pointing in the right direction, the DOT traffic camera at 132nd St. SE and 19th Ave/SR527 can show you the current status. See <https://www.wsdot.com/traffic/seattle/default.aspx?cam=1516#cam>

Where did "Herschlip Pond" come from? Silver Lake's outlet stream passes through this pond on its way to Ruggs Lake, and I have always wondered about the name. It appears to property homesteaded by the parents of Delwin and Helen Herschlip, and the pond is mentioned in obituary for a local resident Michelle Oliveira <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/everett-wa/michelle-oliveira-9926206>

PSE will be upgrading your natural gas meters Puget Sound Energy supplies our houses with natural gas and has announced that they will be upgrading meters "in the coming weeks." They say they'll give a reminder call to you the week before the upgrade, and that your gas service will not be interrupted. Since there is no interruption in gas service

(and nothing required from you for this upgrade) I expect that they are not changing the meter itself. Instead they are probably replacing the battery-powered module that transmits the meter reading by radio waves to meter readers. I believe they have done this sort of upgrade in years past, but did not notify us. There is nothing required on your part, but you can get more information at www.pse.com/meterupgrade or call 1-855-895-4714.

Jetty Island reservations It's not directly related to our neighborhood, but a really interesting part of the city and recreational destination. Something not to be missed during the fine summer weather. The Port of Everett offers boat service to Jetty Island for \$3/person, with no charge for those age 2 and under... Visit https://portofeverett.com/alert_detail.php

Focus on reusable bags returning as Covid restrictions ease You can get free reusable bags from Everett's "Bring Your Bag" program, and this goes along with a return to previous regulations on many plastic bags. Get the details at <https://www.heraldnet.com/news/shoppers-its-once-again-time-to-break-the-plastic-bag-habit/>

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